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(*b*) whether the Government propose to comply with the request of the Conference that a pandit may be chosen to represent that class on the Senate of the University under provision No. 12 of clause III of section 14?

A.—(*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.
(*b*) The matter is one for the consideration of the University.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I ask whether the hon. the Minister for Education does not know that the appointment to the Senate vest in the hands of the Government or rather of the Chancellor, whether he was not consulted, and if so, whether he cannot give effect to the suggestion mentioned in clause (*b*) of the question ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" The University is an independent body. It is independent of the Government, and it is not a department of the Government."

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—" May I inform the hon. the Minister for Education, Sir, that on a reference from me, to the Vice-Chancellor he informed me that the nominations vested in the Chancellor under the advice of the Minister. We cannot therefore say that the matter solely vests in the University and the Vice-Chancellor."

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The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" I am afraid the hon. Member has not examined the Act very carefully. The nominations vest in the Chancellor, and whatever the Vice-Chancellor replied to him, must be consistent with the provisions of the Act."

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—" I have got the written reply from the Vice-Chancellor, Sir, that His Excellency the Chancellor will make the appointments on the advice of the hon. the Minister for Education, who is ex officio Pro-Chancellor."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" With regard to the appointment of 30 and odd members recently made, and in view of the hon. the Minister's statement, may I ask him whether he was or was not consulted by the Chancellor regarding those nominations ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" I decline to answer that question."

Application of Muhammadan students to proceed to England.

352 *Q*.—Khan Bahadur HAJI ABD-UL-LAH HAJI QASIM SAHIB Bahadur : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to lay on the table a list of applications received in the year 1923 from Muhammadans to proceed to England for prosecuting their studies together with information as to the orders passed by the Government on each application ?

A.—No such applications were received.

The number of students in this Presidency.

353 *Q*.—Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to furnish information as to the number of students receiving instruction in this Presidency for each year from 1919–20 to 1922–23 in

(*a*) primary schools,

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(*b*) secondary schools, and
(*c*) colleges?

A.—Information in respect of the years 1919–20 to 1921–22 will be found in the Reports on Public Instruction for those years already published. Particulars for 1922–23 will be found in the report which will be published shortly.

Muhammadan girls' schools.

354 *Q*.—Mr. K. Abdul Hye Sahib: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether it is a fact that there are only two Muhammadan girls' schools to serve the needs of the large Muhammadan population of Madras, that both of them are situated in the southern part of the city, and that there are no up-to-date girls' schools corresponding to the above institutions in Georgetown, which is the northern and more important part of the city?

A.—The answer is in the negative, as there are seven Muhammadan girls' schools in the city situated in Royapetta, Mylapore, Choolai, Perambore, Triplicane (2) and Georgetown.

Amount spent on Muhammadan education.

355 *Q*.—Mr. K. Abdul Hye Sahib: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that in pre-Reform days a special sum of Rs. 30,000 was allotted for Muhammadan education in this Presidency under the orders of the Government of India out of the recurring grant sanctioned to the Local Government; and

(*b*) if so, whether a like sum is now spent on Muhammadan education?

A.—(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) Yes. A larger sum is now being spent.

Mr. Abbas Ali Khan:—"Will the hon. the Minister for Education be prepared to spend a still larger sum, Sir?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. Patro:—"If the hon. the Finance Member is able to provide me funds for the expansion of education among the Muhammadan community, I shall be very glad to do so."

Mr. Yahya Ali Sahib:—"May I know, Sir, whether the larger sum that is now said to be spent is exclusive of the recurring grant made under the orders of the Government of India?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. Patro:—"Yes, the total expenditure is now much higher than what it was before."

The 'Lock Hospital Building' for the use of the Muhammadan Training School at Bellary.

356 *Q*.—Mr. K. Abdul Hye Sahib: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government of India have handed over permanently the 'Lock Hospital Building' to the Provincial Government for the use of the Government Muhammadan Training School at Bellary?